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4156A	9/26/60	SE REPORT TO HQ	8	8	
4157	9/27/60	NY LETTER TO HQ	3	0	
4158	9/28/60	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
4159	9/29/60	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
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310, CHICAGO (100-25530)

9/2/60

RE [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On 8/12/60, [REDACTED] b7D who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA [REDACTED] with a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of the captioned organization for the month of July, 1960. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois. The report is filed in [REDACTED] b7c

It should be noted that the information furnished by this informant is no longer in his possession.

The report as it relates to captioned organization is set forth as follows:

2 New York (100-
3-Chicago

COM. TO SECURITY JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) (RM)

[REDACTED] b7D
PHK:BMC
(4) [REDACTED] b7c

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11 SEP 8 1960
[REDACTED]

CHICAGO SOBELL COMM.
July - 1960

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			4613.36
2	100.00		513.36
7	51.00		462.36
7		35.00	497.36
15	7.00		490.36
18	2.50		487.86
27	10.42		477.44
28	.50		476.94
28	51.00		425.94

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
100.00	Comm. to Secure Justice M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
51.00	General Services Administration	Federal Reserve Chgo
7.00	GERRY WANAK	Natl Bk. Hyde Park - Chgo
2.50	Comm. Secure Justice M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chgo
.50	Service Charge	
51.00	General Services Administration	Federal Reserve - Chgo

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 9/2/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (41) b7c

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

On 8/29/60, [REDACTED] b7D
Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and
20th Street, NYC, made available on a confidential basis
the bank record concerning the accounts of Sobell Committee
and W. E. B. DU BOIS.

A review of the records for the month of August,
1960, reflected no pertinent activity, and the respective
balances as of 8/29/60, were \$350.43 and \$517.05.

The above information is not to be made public
except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of
a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED] b7D

- 1 - New York (100-20789)(W.E.B. DU BOIS)(422)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)(41)

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9/9/60

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE SOBELL CASE
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

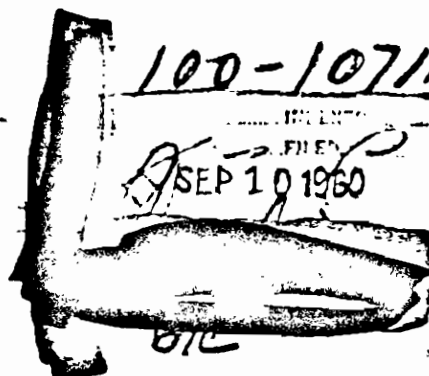
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA [redacted] on 9/9/60, b7c a copy of "Camp Midvale News" dated 8/20/60 published by the METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION. Page three of this b7D news letter contains the following information:

"HELEN SOBELL HERE"

"Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, and their son spent the week end with us, Aug. 27 and 28. Helen brought interests campers up to date on the latest moves in the campaign to free her husband. She reported encouraging support from a number of influential political, religious and labor groups. She collected funds to help continue the fight. Letters were also distributed for signature and mailing to Pres. Eisenhower asking him to free Sobell."

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and New York in view of information concerning possible mailing of letters to President EISENHOWER.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 65-15377) (MRA)
3 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
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2 - Newark
(1 - 100-45174) (MRA)
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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 9/12/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (b7c 424)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

Identity of Source	[REDACTED] - reliable (b7D)
Description of info	Sobell Committee
Date Received	9/2/60
Original located	[REDACTED] (b7D)

A copy of informant's report follows:

[REDACTED] (b7D)

[REDACTED] (b7c & d)

- 1 - New York (100-141567) (COMMITTEE TO DEFEND MARTIN LUTHER KING) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (41)

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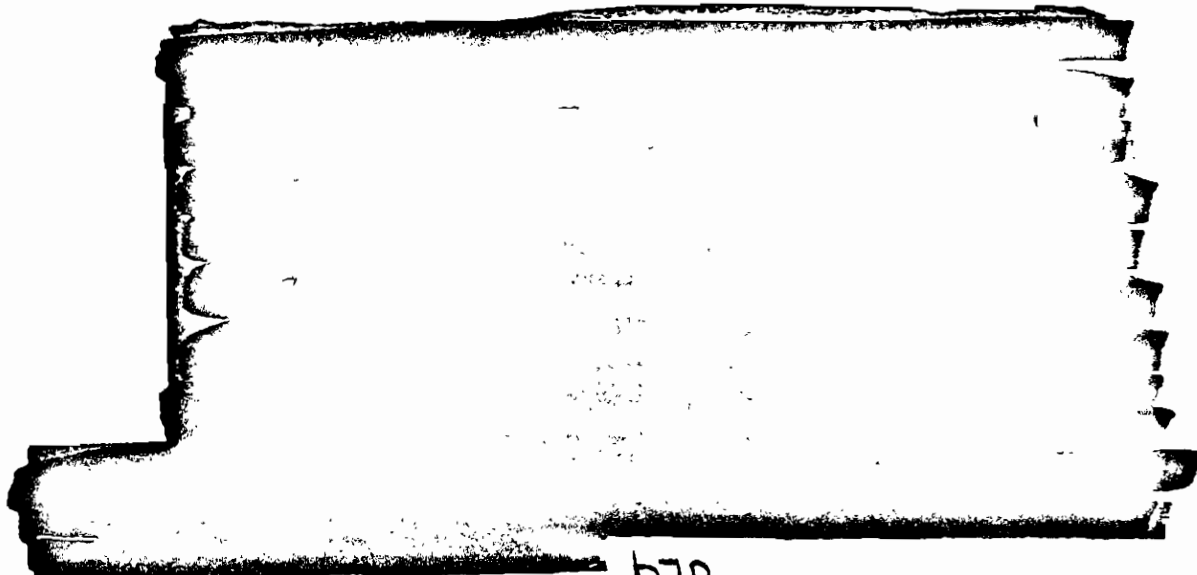
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NY 100-107111

8/30/60

Sobell Party 50 W. 71 Street - ANNETTE RUBENSTEIN Apartment.
8/27/60

There were approximately 35 people present.
Entertainment was provided by LLOYD GOUGH. The following
people were present:



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SAC, Atlanta (100-4953)

September 13, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HONOR SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 8-30-60 requesting
Bureau authority to interview Rabbi Rothschild.

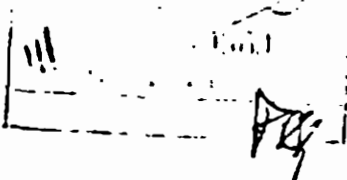
Relet does not contain the complete names of
Rabbi Rothschild or Rabbi Feldman or sufficient background
or identifying information upon which a determination can
be based. If the Atlanta Office deems it necessary to
interview either Rabbi Feldman or Rothschild, the request
for authority must be resubmitted setting forth the full
names of the person or persons to be interviewed along
with complete background and identifying data upon which
a determination can be based.

1 - New York (100-107111)



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MEMORANDUM, FBI

SEP 15 1960

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16528)

[REDACTED]
LABEL A. KATZ;
LANN RUBIN;
DR. HAROLD LIEF;
Mrs. MAISE COHN;
SM - C

[REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] full search

[REDACTED] full search

ReBulet to Senator EVERETT M. DIRKSEN, September 1, 1960, which acknowledged receipt from Senator DIRKSEN of his letter of August 23, 1960, in which he enclosed to the Bureau an anonymous letter received by him. This anonymous letter mentioned the above named individuals as allegedly having Communist connections at New Orleans.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

- The 1960 New Orleans City Directory reflects LABEL A. KATZ is engaged in investments and real estate with offices at 608 Baronne Street.

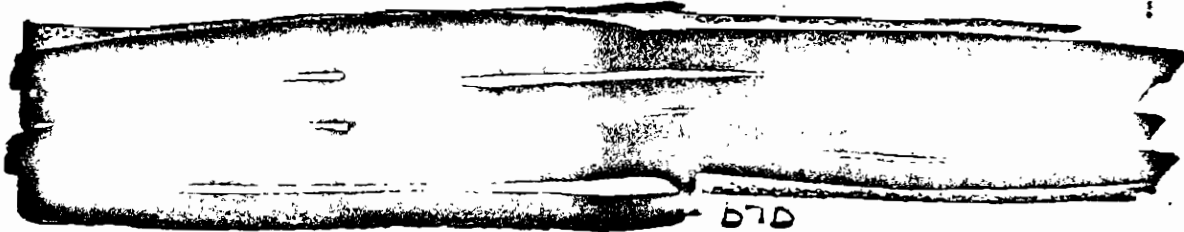
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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info)(RM)
- 1 - New Orleans

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SEP 15 1960



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The 1960 New Orleans City Directory reflects HAROLD I. LIEF, 424 Pine Street, is a special lecturer at Tulane University at New Orleans.

No information could be located in the New Orleans files for DANNY RUBIN or for Mrs. MAISE COHN, and their names are not contained in the 1960 New Orleans City Directory.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] September 6 67C
9, 1960, and [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on
September 14, 1960, that they did not know subject. Both b7D
informants are acquainted with Communist activities in the
New Orleans area and have furnished reliable information in
the past.

No further action will be taken by the New Orleans Office unless requested by the Bureau or the New York Office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE PORTLAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/15/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/12/60 - 9/13/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORTED BY SA [REDACTED] - b7c	TYPED BY
SYNOPSIS:		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA of 1950	

REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** Portland, 3/15/60. b7c

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is classified confidential since data reported from PD T-3, PD T-4, PD T-5, PD T-7, PD T-8, and PD T-9 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants who are of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

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Identity

Location

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100-9004-184

T-2
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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will continue to follow the activities of instant committee in the Portland area.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 2 - G-2, Seattle (RM)
1 - ONI, Seattle (RM)
1 - OSI, Seattle (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c Office: PORTLAND
Date: September 19, 1950

File Number: Portland 100-9004 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

Synopsis: Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD continues as leader of instant committee in Portland. "WIDGE" NEWMAN, organizer of Los Angeles Sobell Committee, makes appearances in Portland as part of West Coast tour. Stresses alleged success in reaching clergy.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] PD T-1 advised on [REDACTED], and PD T-2 on [REDACTED] b7D that a letter addressed to "Dear Friend" was being mailed throughout Oregon over the name of ROSE LEOPOLD, "Chairman, Comm. for Morton Sobell." This letter opened as follows: "Exciting new developments in the MORTON SOBELL case give us strong hope that the long ordeal (1 1/2 years this August 16th) for him and his family can end with just One Big Push--from us." The letter then reviewed developments in the SOBELL matter and stated, "His attorneys will present new motions challenging the trial and the thirty-year sentence, but this time they will include arguments about the legal technicality that pushes MORTON's parole date from 1960 into 1962." The letter continued, "However, even if Parole would be available sooner, There is no guarantee that it will be granted at all unless we clamor for it through our letters or organizations, ect. The National Committee cannot stress too strongly the effect of mail to the White House and to Rep. PORTER, Rep. GREEN, and Senator MORSE. Now is the hour and to-day is the year." A postscript attached to the letter read, "Legal

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battles are very expensive: please mail contributions to me at 2033 S. E. Ash Street," (Mrs. LEOPOLD's residence).

It will be recalled that PD [redacted] has identified Mrs. LEOPOLD as the individual who has been the leader of the Sobell Committee in Portland over the years and has been virtually a one-man committee. On April 10, 1959, she identified herself as the chairman of the Portland committee. This informant and [redacted]

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The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] the Sobell Committee in Portland is part of the western region of the national organization. b7d

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NEWMAN had arrived in Portland on Wednesday, August 10, 1960, and while in Portland was staying at the home of ROSE LEOPOLD, 2033 S. E. Ash Street.

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[REDACTED]

The meeting at which NEWMAN was the featured speaker was held as scheduled on the night of August 11, 1960, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. WOLLE, 3154 S. E. Salmon, according to information provided:

[REDACTED]

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Some sixteen persons were present. In her remarks, NEWMAN told of the latest developments in the SOBELL case and emphasized her claim that more and more ministers, rabbis, and educators are convinced of SOBELL's innocence and are shocked at the terrible injustice perpetrated against him. She urged all to write letters to their Congressmen and to President EISENHOWER and to request leniency for SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

NEWMAN told of the accomplishments of the committee. She declared that many Christian people of various faiths are showing concern over what she called the injustice of holding SOBELL in prison. She mentioned the expense and cost of the continued fight and a collection was taken; the amount obtained was not announced.

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[REDACTED]

NEWMAN distributed three documents, one of which was a fourteen page pamphlet, which included a letter dated January 5, 1960, to the President under the names of HELEN and ROSE SOBELL as "Co-Chairmen," transmitting to the President a report of

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the SOBELL case. Another was a five page mimeographed pamphlet dated June 1960, entitled, "Further Developments in Morton Sobell Case Since Report to President Eisenhower Was Submitted." The third was a one page pamphlet setting forth the text of the resolution said to have been adopted by the California Democratic Council on February 14, 1960, calling upon the President to review the facts in the SOBELL case and to take the necessary action to secure "ultimate justice."

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...pointed out that NEWMAN emphasized the success which she claimed the committee was having in reaching church leaders and ministers of all faiths. She exhibited the petition, which she said contained 1200 signatures of ministers and rabbis in behalf of SOBELL, and said that the committee is endeavoring to secure the assistance of still more clergymen. She indicated that she had a few such appointments in Portland.

[REDACTED] NEWMAN claimed that matters had changed so rapidly in favor of SOBELL in the last few years, especially in the last two years, that this might be her last trip to Oregon on this case, the inference being that the committee's goal soon would be reached. She claimed that she was now able to talk to people whom she couldn't even approach a year ago.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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The August 18, 1960, issue of the Portland Reporter, a Portland newspaper, carried an account of NEWMAN's visit to Portland. The article read in part as follows:

"The McCarthy era is over and people across the country are displaying a whole new level of open-mindedness.

"That's the opinion of Miss Widge Newman of Los Angeles. For six years, she has been in the forefront of a nationwide effort to free Morton Sobell, whom she and a growing list of public figures believe was a victim of the hysteria of the McCarthy times....

"Miss Newman, West Coast director of the Free Sobell effort who visited in Portland, firmly believes that he is innocent, that the evidence on which he was convicted was flimsy, and that he should get a new trial or freedom.

"She has carried that message up and down the West Coast and even though Sobell is still in prison, she is encouraged.

"I think for the first time, people are starting to listen. Before, they took the attitude that the case was over and that justice had been done. Very few listened.'

"'But now,' says the slim 35-ish ex-movie story analyst, 'there's no baiting or sneering...people are interested in the details of the case.'

"Not only are they listening, but they are responding to the appeals which she, Sobell's wife and mother, and dozens of other sympathizers are

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making on increasing speaking tours.

"Some 1,200 ministers have signed a petition seeking amnesty or a new trial.

"Committees have been organized in some 25 major cities and in others, ad hoc groups have been formed like the one in Portland, headed by Mrs. Bernard Leopold, at whose 2033 SE Ash home Miss Newman has stayed.

"The present effort is for the 'amnesty period' --December, when presidential pardons are given. After that, the Freedom for Sobell workers will press for his parole when he becomes eligible next April."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon
September 15, 1960

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT
of 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] dated September
15, 1960, at Portland,
Oregon

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referenced communication have furnished reliable information
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TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY 1BB
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED] b7c** dated 3/17/60, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Division, inasmuch as it contains information of interest concerning the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will follow and report future activities on the Sobell Committee in the State of Arizona.

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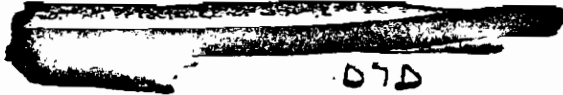
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Office: Phoenix

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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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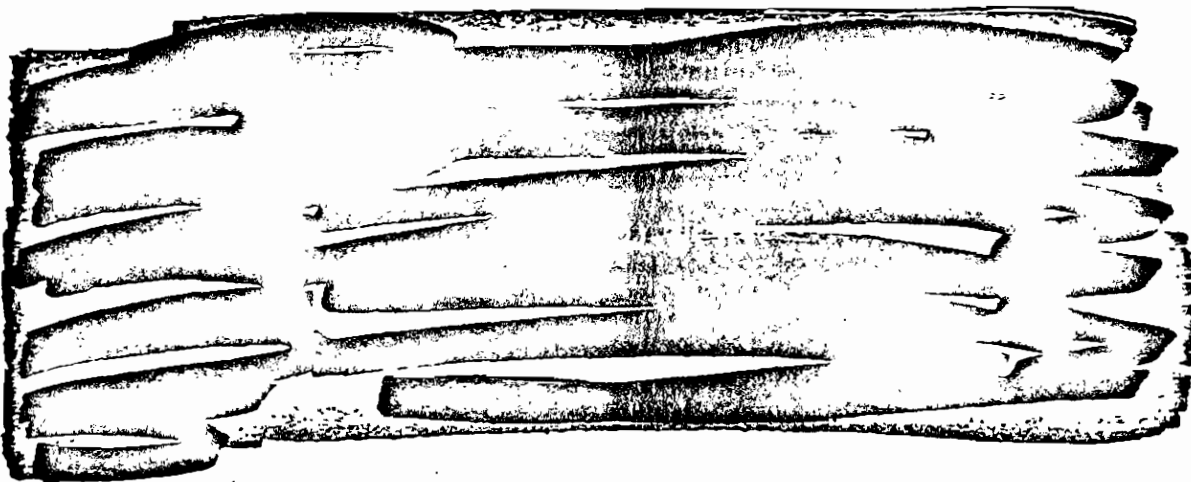
Synopsis:

Sobell Committee activities in Phoenix and Tucson area have been limited to raising money for CSJMS. Appeals for funds received from National Committee in New York, N. Y. and from Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles, California.

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DETAILS:

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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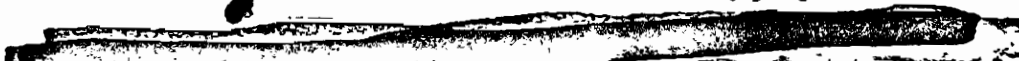
MINNIE PAPPAS was a CP member in Phoenix, Arizona in 1949.

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GAYLORD SWING

GAYLORD SWING was a member of the CP in Phoenix, Arizona in 1955.

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GAYLORD SWING is one of the leaders of the CP in Arizona.

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On April 27, 1950,

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IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy from June, 1943 to 1945, while attending New York University, New York, New York.

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AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY

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RUTH ROSENTHAL

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[REDACTED] on July 20, 1955 identified
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] see EISENBERG.

[REDACTED] as a member of
the CP in Miami Beach.

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[REDACTED] at Phoenix, Arizona dated September 16, 1960.

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TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	CLASSIFICATION b7c

SYNOPSIS:
REFERENCE
Report of SA [redacted] **b7c** dated 3/18/60, at Albany.

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ALBANY OFFICE

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c
Date: SEP 22 1960

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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: Informant advised LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue,
Syracuse, New York, is Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee,
an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell. JANE ANDERSON is still the Secretary-Treasurer of the
Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

On September 16, 1960, Confidential Informant AL T-1⁷ advised that the Syracuse Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is still an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell', the Rosenbergs codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted

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"as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' (The 'Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications' dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60)."

In September, 1954, the name National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell appeared on the literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the new name "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On September 16, 1960, AL T-1 advised that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still in existence and still an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The informant advised that LILLIAN REINER, 1003 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, is still the Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee and JANE ANDERSON is still the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

Confidential Informant AL T-4 advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time, but as Chairman of the American Labor Party, was closely associated with Communist Party members.

(See Appendix for characterization of the American Labor Party)

On September 23, 1959, Confidential Informant AL T-2 advised that JANE ANDERSON was a current member of the Communist Party.

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as "the courageous Chicago
& leaflet
Presbyterian minister now making an eastern tour on behalf of
Monten Schell

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AL T-2 advised on [REDACTED] that
CHARLES WOLLOWITZ was in attendance at a
Communist Party meeting on [REDACTED]

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AL T-4 advised on [REDACTED] that
ELSIE COHN was in attendance at a CP meeting
on [REDACTED]

AL T-2 advised on [REDACTED] that
FRITZ PERKO was a member of the CP as of
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On [redacted] Confidential Informant AL-T-3 furnished a copy of a letter issued by the Chicago Sobell Committee dated May, 1950, issued under the letterhead of that committee. This letter in part stated:

"...We are also happy to report that Rev. Alva Tompkins, of the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Chicago, has just completed a trip to Philadelphia, Syracuse, New Haven and New York to gain further support in the Sobell Case. He talked with leading clergymen, spoke to gatherings, and in Syracuse was invited to give a sermon at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. His theme was social justice, and he spoke of the Sobell case in relation to this subject. Rev. Tompkins sponsored the Appeal to President Eisenhower in behalf of Morton Sobell sent to all Chicago Clergymen."

APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the *** American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] ^{b7c} dated
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
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Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c 2/23/60 at WDC,
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SAs participating in the fisur on IRMA "WIDGE"
NEWMAN are as follows:

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SA [redacted] observed NEWMAN enter the Office of Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL, California, Room 1227, New Senate Office Building, WDC, Tuesday, 5/10/60. SA [redacted] observed NEWMAN leave this office. SA [redacted] observed NEWMAN enter and leave the Office of Congressman BYRON L. JOHNSON of Colorado on 5/11/60. SA [redacted] overheard conversation between NEWMAN and AARON RAIZ. b7c

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Authority for WFO to conduct fisur on IRMA "WIDGE" NEWMAN during any contacts made by this individual in the Senate and House office buildings and the U. S. Capitol was granted by Buairtel 5/6/60.

Sources used to characterize the organization included in the Appendix:

Organization

CSJMS

Source

HCUA booklet

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WF T-6 is trash cover maintained on residence located 5066 MacArthur Blvd., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Names of individuals designated by an asterisk (*) throughout this report will be identified in a special section at the end of this report.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

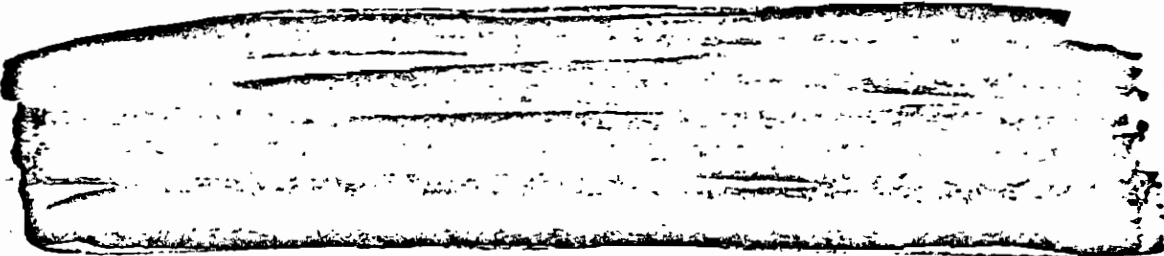
WF T-1 on December 7, 1959, advised that the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) is the current affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS), located in New York City. Informant advised that the WSC is the successor group to the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case which was formed in Washington, D. C., in 1952.

WF T-1 stated on May 17, 1960, that the WSC remains in existence in Washington, D. C., but that this organization has been rather inactive recently. Informant stated that the WSC currently follows the CP line regarding the SOBELL Case.

A characterization of the CSJMS is contained in the Appendix to this report.

II. AIMS

WF T-1 on May 17, 1960, reported that the main objectives of the WSC are to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL, who is a prisoner in a federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, and when possible, to embarrass the United States Government.



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[REDACTED] stated the important thing at the present time is to obtain MORTON SOBELL's release either on the basis of executive clemency or by obtaining a new trial. He said that it was not important whether people trying to get SOBELL out of jail thought he was guilty or not, since SOBELL's innocence could be established later. [REDACTED] reviewed the transcript of MORTON SOBELL's trial and thought personally that SOBELL was not guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage and he emphasized that SOBELL was convicted solely on the testimony of a known perjurer, MAX ELITCHER.

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It is noted that the July 2, 1960, edition of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," a Washington, D. C. daily, carried a letter to the editor signed by AARON KATZ*, Brooklyn, New York, remarking that the press was criticizing Israel for violating Argentina sovereignty in the EICHMANN case. He questioned why the press was so silent

"about the kidnaping" of MORTON SOBELL from Mexico which KATZ alleged had been arranged by the United States. He also said that EICHMANN murdered millions with numerous persons to bear witness against him while SOBELL was convicted during Korean war hysteria on the unsupported testimony of one person. KATZ said that it will be a triumph of justice if SOBELL can win a new trial in his fight to prove his innocence.

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III. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] reported that the WSC has no permanent headquarters in the Washington, D. C. area [REDACTED]

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IV. LEADERS

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WF T-8 on February 25, 1960, reported that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN* recently contributed \$45 for the SOBELL case.

On March 22, 1960, WF T-8 reported that MARCUS* and ELIZABETH* GOLDMAN continued to contribute financially for the SOBELL case.

WF T-9 on May 16, 1960, reported that ELIZABETH GOLDMAN* and SOPHIE RICH*, on that date, jointly gave \$10 to the SOBELL Committee. Informant learned that GOLDMAN in connection with making the above contribution stated, "This is a living cause—maybe we can save a man's life and, therefore, we must do all we can."

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VI. ACTIVITY

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On May 24, 1960, WF T-6 made available a copy of the following announcement:

"The Washington, D. C. SOBELL Committee cordially invites you to attend a Reception in honor of Dr. ERWIN A. GAEDE, minister of the Westwood Unitarian Society, Los Angeles California, and co-initiator of the National Clergymen's Appeal on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

"Monday, May 16th 8:00 p.m.
International Student House
1825 R Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

"Dr. GAEDE is currently touring the East and will give a first-hand report of the exciting events taking place on the West Coast including the action taken by the recent California State Democratic Convention on the SOBELL Case.

"ETHEL WEICHBROD*
for the Committee"

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Informant stated that on May 16, 1960, from approximately 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the above-mentioned luncheon and meeting was held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., and that approximately eighteen persons attended this function including prominent Ministers in the Washington, D. C. area. Informant said Mrs. MORTON SOBELL* and AARON KATZ* were in attendance as well as the wives of some of the Ministers. Informant stated that the chairman of the meeting was Dr. NELSON C. PIERCE, Chairman of the Ministerial Association of Washington, and Minister of the Palasades Community Church.

Informant reported Reverend GAEDE stated he became interested in the SOBELL case because of his acquaintanceship with Reverend McCORMACK, who was MORTON SOBELL's Chaplain while SOBELL was at Alcatraz. GAEDE stated he had given one entire sermon on the west coast concerning the SOBELL case and thought that SOBELL's sentence was too severe. He urged the Ministers in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation of SOBELL's sentence. Informant said Mrs. MORTON SOBELL* also spoke at this affair and urged persons in attendance to sign an appeal to the President requesting commutation of the sentence for her husband. Mrs. SOBELL mentioned that a group of persons had visited Pardon Attorney REED COZART at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 1960, with the request that MORTON SOBELL be granted a pardon. Mrs. SOBELL said that she did not know what action would be given to their request.


Informant reported Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to whether she and her husband were CP members at any time or had affiliations with the CP in any manner. Mrs. SOBELL replied that neither had been a member of the CP, but that during their student days they were affiliated with organizations interested in civil rights. Informant said that Mrs. SOBELL

left the impression that these organizations were subsequently designated by the Attorney General of the United States and that this fact was held against MORTON SOBELL during his trial.

Informant said Mrs. SOBELL was questioned as to how the organization derived its funds and Mrs. SOBELL replied that funds were obtained voluntarily and from rummage sales and events of this nature.

Informant reported that Mrs. SOBELL advised that at the conclusion of the meeting, a delegation would visit DAVID W. KENDALL, special counselor to President EISENHOWER and present an appeal with respect to the SOBELL case.

Informant stated that a recommendation was made at this function by Mrs. SOBELL that the Council of Churches organize local Ministers to sign the Presidential appeal concerning commutation of SOBELL's sentence.



Informant stated that the Presidential appeal regarding MORTON SOBELL was circularized and several of the Ministers signed it. Informant stated the appeal in effect stated, "I wish to add my name to this appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL."

C. Visit to Washington, D. C., by IRMA "WIDGE" NEWMAN



Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed that "WIDGE" NEWMAN arrived in Washington, D. C., during the morning of Monday, May 9, 1960, and left by train destined for New York City, at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 1960. During her visit in the Washington, D. C. area, NEWMAN resided at the residence of RAY* and RUTH* JINKSON, 4816 Flanders Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland.

SAs of the FBI on Monday afternoon, May 9, 1960, observed that NEWMAN met AARON KATZ* in the vicinity of Second and C Streets, N. E., Washington, D. C. They then proceeded to walk to the Neptune Grill, 145 Pennsylvania Avenue S. E., Washington, D. C., where they dined.

SAs of the FBI observed that NEWMAN entered the office of Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL, California, Room 1327, New Senate Office Building, First and Constitution Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., at approximately 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 1960. She left this office at approximately 4:12 p.m.

Subsequently at approximately 4:31 p.m., on this date, NEWMAN met SARAH HAMMOND* in the vicinity of Second and C Streets, N. E. These two individuals then travelled together in HAMMOND's automobile to the HAMMOND residence, 8802 Glenville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

SAs of the FBI on May 10, 1960 observed that "WIDGE" NEWMAN, SARAH HAMMOND* and her husband, DAVID HAMMOND*, at approximately 8:37 p.m. entered the residence of JOSEPH* and ETHEL* WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

SAs of the FBI on May 10, 1960, at approximately 9:10 p.m., observed AL* and SYLVIA* BERNSTEIN enter the WEICHBROD residence.

SAs of the FBI on May 11, 1960, observed that "WIDGE" NEWMAN met AARON KATZ* at the American Grill, 139 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C., at approximately 4:00 p.m. They remained at this restaurant until approximately 4:25 p.m., at which time they separated. A SA of the FBI overheard the following conversation between NEWMAN and KATZ:

NEWMAN said she would not write a report on what has happened in Washington, D. C., when she returns home. She said she spoke to RUTH PINKSON* last night and that RUTH had suggested some excellent ideas on how to raise money. She said that RAY* and RUTH* PINKSON will raise \$100. NEWMAN stated she had met SYLVIA, ETHEL and her husband and they are all willing to work and that she is very impressed with them.

KATZ discussed literature and asked NEWMAN to show him the literature she had with her. Both NEWMAN and KATZ agreed that letters must be sent out if the project is expected to succeed.

SAs of the FBI on May 11, 1960, observed that NEWMAN, at approximately 4:52 p.m., entered Room 442 of the Old House Office Building, First and Independence Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C., the office of Congressman BYRON L. JOHNSON of Colorado. She left this office at approximately 5:15 p.m.

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On April 6, 1960, SAs of the FBI observed IVANOV entering the lobby of the National Press Building at approximately 12:27 p.m.; a few minutes later SAs of the FBI observed AARON KATZ enter this lobby, approach IVANOV, greeted him, shaking hands. IVANOV and KATZ were then observed to proceed to the elevator bank in the lobby and board an elevator shortly after 12:30 p.m.

It is noted that the "Washington Post and Times Herald" a Washington, D. C. daily newspaper, on August 14, 1960, carried an article on page one which stated as follows: "The State Department ordered VALENTIN M. IVANOV, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, out of the country yesterday for giving a self-styled American Nazi \$500 to get a Government job and wait for a chance to serve the Reds."

VII. IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS

AL BERNSTEIN

WF T-13 on February 26, 1953, identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current CP member.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

WF T-13 on February 26, 1953, identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a CP member.

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"The Worker" is an east coast weekly communist publication.

CASEY GUREWITZ

NY T-14 on October 10, 1958, identified CASEY GUREWITZ as a CP member as of October 6, 1958. b7D

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AARON KATZ

NY T-16 on April 27, 1944 reported that AARON KATZ had been a member of the CP for years and had been transferred into the waterfront section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to informant KATZ in 1944, held CP membership book number 31250.

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RAY PINKSON

[REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] that RAY PINKSON was a member of the CP [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that PINKSON was an old-time CP member.

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RUTH PAULL PINKSON

[redacted] on [redacted] identified
RUTH PAULL as a current member of the
[redacted]

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SOPHIE RICH

[redacted]
[redacted] identified
SOPHIE RICH as a member of the CP
[redacted]

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HELEN SOBELL

[redacted]
identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs.
MORTON SOBELL) as a member
[redacted] of the CP in Washington,
D. C., as of [redacted]

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ETHEL AND JOSEPH WEICHBROD

[redacted] advised that
id [redacted] a known CP member stated that
JOSEPH AND ETHEL WEICHBROD [redacted]
[redacted] were current CP members.

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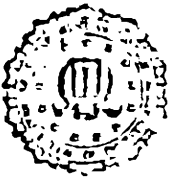
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Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of Special Agent
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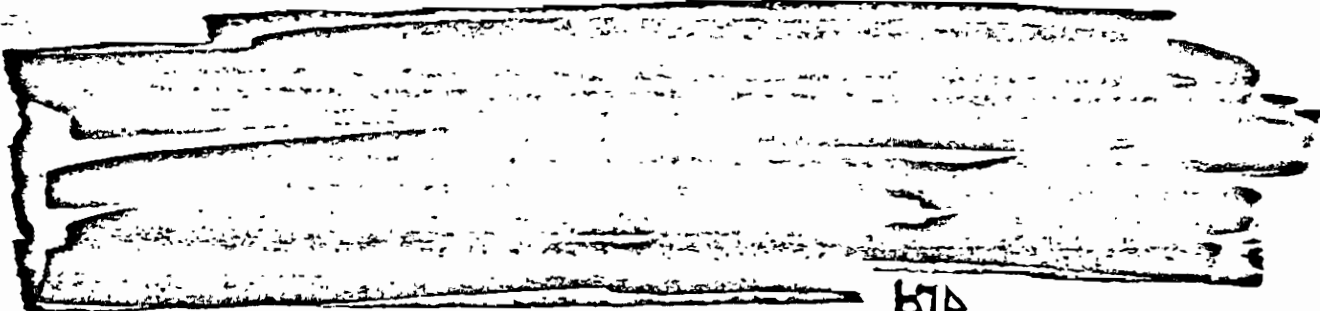
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
 SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
 FOR MORTON SOBELL
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One copy of this airtel and letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the WFO since part of the information contained therein pertains to activities of the Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C. One copy of each is being furnished to the Bureau and NY files captioned, "CPUSA, Counter Intelligence Program ; IS-C" since the information contained therein pertains to items which have been the subject of prior correspondence.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA, 1950	

REFERENCE: Report SA [REDACTED], Seattle, 4/8/60.

STATUS: P. **b7c**

ADMINISTRATIVE: A copy of this report is being designated for the Los Angeles Office in view of their interest in WIDGE NEWMAN.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of sources must be so concealed.

This report is classified Confidential since data reported herein by SE T-3 through SE T-4 could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and jeopardize the effectiveness thereof.

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INFORMANTS

SE T-1, [redacted] b7D

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SE T-2, [redacted] Characterizations

SE T-3, [redacted] Characterizations

SE T-4, [redacted] Characterization

SE T-5

Seattle Trust & Savings Bank
Seattle, Washington

100-22197-814

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SEATTLE OFFICE

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the local branch of subject organization.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: J. Edgar Hoover (VFC)
W. M. Clegg AFB (WFG)
T. J. Ryan III (REG)

Reason of Date: [Redacted] b7c Office: Seattle
SEP 26 1960

Field Office File No.: 100-22197 Bureau File No.: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: The Seattle Sobell Committee continues to use
316-317 Second and Cherry Building, Seattle, Washington,
for mailing address. Officers are JODIE HEATLIE, Chairman;
CAROLINE CANAFAX, Secretary; ART MINK, Treasurer. The
Seattle Committee continues to hold meetings, raise funds,
and elicit public interest on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

At Seattle, Washington

I. OFFICERS

On September 14, 1960, SE T-1 advised that JODIE
HEATLIE is organizer and director for the Seattle Sobell
Committee. Other officers, according to the same source,
are CAROLINE CANAFAX, Secretary and ART MINK, Treasurer.

In September, 1960, SE T-2 advised that
JODIE HEATLIE was an active and current
member of the Socialist Workers Party
in Seattle.

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has
been designated by the Attorney General
of the United States pursuant to Executive
Order 10450.

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On [REDACTED] advised
that [REDACTED] CANAFAX was an active
and current member of the Communist
Party in Seattle.

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA)
has been designated by the Attorney
General of the United States pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

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During May, 1960, SE T-2 reported
that ARTHUR MINK had been in attendance
at several open SWP affairs and was
somewhat sympathetic with the aims of
that organization.

II LOCATION

On September 14, 1960, SE T-1 advised that the
Sobell Committee continues to use the address of Room 316-317, b7D
3rd and Cherry Building, Seattle, for the purpose of a
mailing address.

III FUNDS

On May 6, 1960, SE T-5 advised that the Seattle
Sobell Committee opened an account with the Seattle Trust
and Savings Bank in Seattle on April 9, 1958. At the time,
the organization indicated that its name was the Seattle
Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. Persons
indicated for writing checks on the account were ARTHUR MINK,
169 Power Street, Seattle and CAROLINE CANAFAX. According
to this informant, as of May 6, 1960, there was a balance of
\$15.53 in the above account.

On September 24, 1960, this same source advised that as of August 20, 1960, there was a balance of \$140.48 in the above account. Since that date, a check in the amount of \$100. made payable to WISSE NEWMAN and dated August 21, 1960, was drawn against the account. This check was cashed by NEWMAN at the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles. Another check was drawn against the account on September 2, 1960, made payable to the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORRIS SOBELL in the amount of \$10.00. This check indicated it was cashed by the Corn Exchange Bank in New York City. This leaves a balance in the account as of September 13, 1960, of \$30.28.

The above information is not to be made public except after the issuance of a subpoena.

IV. ACTIVITIES

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On August 10, 1950, [redacted] advised that the local Sobell Committee held a rummage sale in the Seattle Public Market on July 29, 1950.

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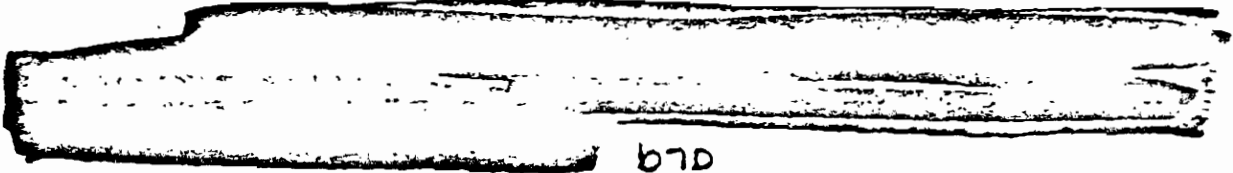
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On August 10, 1968, SA T-1 advised that the local School Committee held a marriage sale in the Seattle Public Market on July 2, 1968.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: September 28, 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387635)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HENRY SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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New York is instructed to furnish the Bureau and the Washington Field Office (WFO) a

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concerning the rally to be held in Washington, D. C., on 11/19-21/60. New York should closely follow this matter and keep the Bureau and the WFO advised of all pertinent information developed concerning this rally.

The WFO is instructed to commence taking the necessary action to effect sufficient coverage of this rally and to keep the Bureau advised of the coverage which has been effected. Upon completion of the rally, the WFO should furnish the Bureau immediately with a summary of all pertinent information developed in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/29/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of captioned organization and dated 9/28/60, in-
structing the NYO to furnish the Bureau and WFO a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Enclosed herewith are two photostats of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which was furnished to S. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Two photostats are being fur-
nished to the WFO for inclusion in their files. [REDACTED]
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4165	10/4/60	NY LETTER TO CG	3	0		
4166	10/4/60	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1		
4167	10/5/60	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1		
4168	10/6/60	SA MEMO TO FILE CG	2	2		
4169	10/10/60	SA MEMO TO NY	3	0		
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4175	10/19/60	SA MEMO TO NY	2	-		See NY FILE 100-109849
4176	10/19/60	SA MEMO TO NY	1	1		
4177	10/20/60	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	2		
4178	10/20/60	NY LETTER TO CG	2	0		
4179	10/13/60	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	-		See NY FILE 100-109849
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4185	10/27/60	HQ LETTER TO BA	1	1		
4186	10/31/60	BA LETTER TO WFO	1	0		
4187	11/1/60	NY LETTER TO HQ	4	2		
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4189	11/2/60	NO LETTER TO NY	1	1		
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4204	11/8/60	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1		
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4213	11/9/60	LA LETTER TO NY	2	2		
4214	11/9/60	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2		
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4221	11/10/60	SA MEMO TO NY	2	0		
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'" ✓

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SAC, New York (100-129802)

October 4, 1950

Director, FBI (100-9-104)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re New York letter 9-22-50 captioned "Communist Party, USA; Counterintelligence Program; Internal Security - C, Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell; Internal Security - C; Internal Security Act of 1950."

Re New York letter suggested that copies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) pamphlet "Trial by Treason," be sent to those clergymen among the 350 who sponsored an "appeal to the President on behalf of Morton Sobell," who have not previously been sent copies of this pamphlet by the HCUA.

For the information of the New York Office, the Bureau confidentially furnished to the HCUA on 1-14-50, the names and mailing addresses of 257 of the 350 clergymen who had signed the appeal to the President on behalf of Morton Sobell which had been furnished to the Bureau by the New York Office. However, the Bureau has been advised that after careful consideration the HCUA decided against sending each of these clergymen copies of the HCUA pamphlet "Trial by Treason" because of the possibility of criticism for such action. Therefore, your counterintelligence suggestion, although appreciated, cannot be implemented.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: October 5, 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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In your reason for classifying the enclosure "Confidential" you state that the disclosure of the information might impair the future effectiveness of the informant. You are advised that this alone is not sufficient reason for classifying a document under the provisions of Executive Order 10501. In the future you should insure that the phrase "and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of the country" should be added to your reason for classifying a document.

It is noted that the memorandum enclosure to reairtel contained several obvious erasures which made the memorandum unsuitable for dissemination in the form in which it was submitted to the Bureau. You are instructed in the future that greater care should be exercised in the preparation of communications which are prepared for dissemination so that they will be suitable for dissemination in the form submitted without the necessity of having to redictate the material at the Seat of Government.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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SA [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA [REDACTED] by mail with a copy of a letter from the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) dated [REDACTED] and addressed to "Dear Friend". The letter was signed by DAVID L. SOLTKER for the Committee. b7c b7d

The letter noted that the CSC had moved their office from 20 West Jackson Street to Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. It then went on to note that plans were under way for the National Appeal in Washington, November 19-21, 1960, for which the theme will be a vigorous call for MORTON SOBELL's freedom. It then went on to set forth the program planned for the November affair, which was as follows:

- I. Presentation of signed appeals by the clergy, by community leaders, and messages of support by leading individuals and groups throughout the country; also, an impressive group of sponsors for the Washington event.
- II. A public banquet at the famous Shoreham Hotel with noted speakers and a public exhibit dramatizing Sobell support.
- III. Delegations to the White House and Justice Department; reflecting the clergy and VIP appeals, and appointments with Senators and Congressmen.
- IV. Sermons in the Washington churches.

- 1 - New York (RM) NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE MORTON SOBELL CASE b7c b7d
- 1 - WFO (RM) NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE MORTON SOBELL CASE

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- V. Presentation to the White House of tape recorded messages from VIP's and laymen, who would like to speak directly to the President in their own voices reflecting their deep feelings."

The above noted item is being retained in Chicago file 100-25530- [redacted] b7d

Recommendation

It is recommended that a copy of this memo be directed to the Agent to whom the CSC is assigned so that the change in address for captioned organization may be noted.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/11/60	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/10/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka, Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY bs
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, 4/12/60. b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report have been designated for G-2, Milwaukee, G-2 at Chicago, ONI, Chicago, and OSI, Chicago, in view of the interest of those intelligence agencies in organizations subversive or portentially subversive to the interests of the United States.

This report has been marked Confidential since data reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in identification of informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Will follow and report within the next 6 months the activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

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Copy to: 1 G-2, Chicago (RM)
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] 070
Date: October 11, 1950

Office: Milwaukee

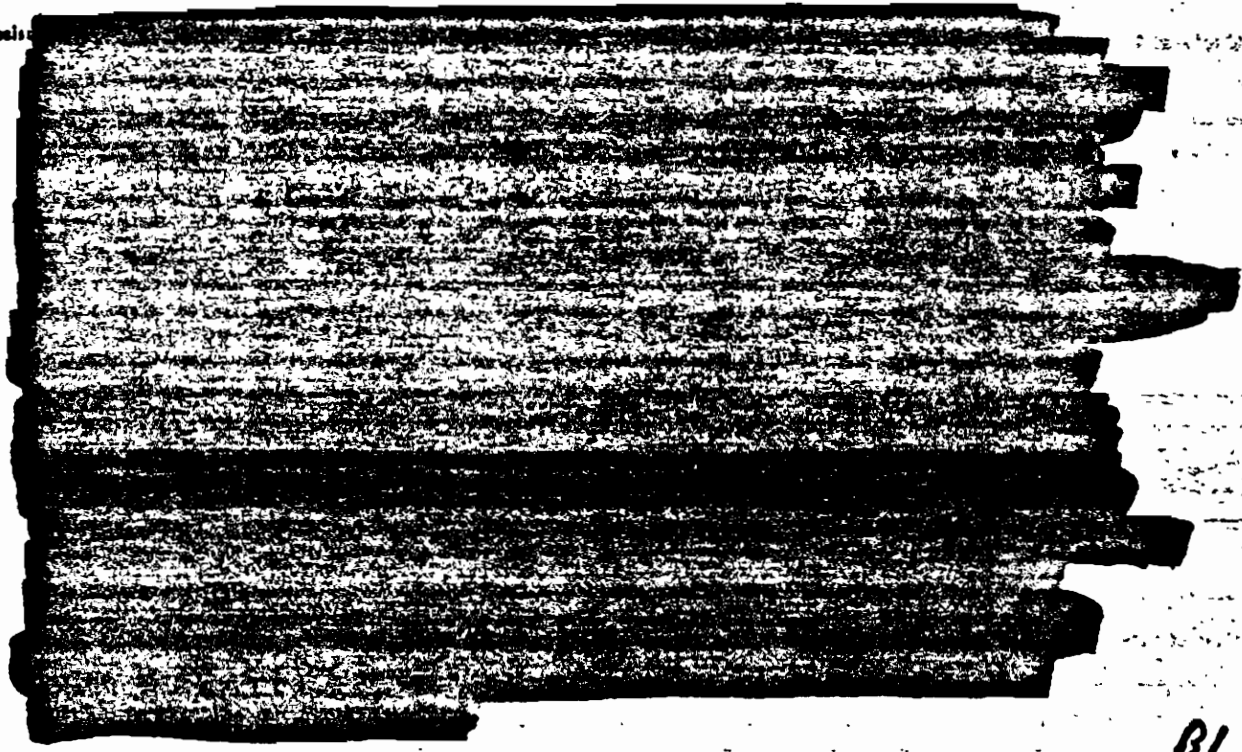
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Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

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MILWAUKEE HEADQUARTERS

For several months, meetings of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee had not been held in the former downtown Milwaukee headquarters.

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During March, 1960, representatives of many of the Sobell Committees in the country attended a National Conference in New York City. At the Conference, it was decided to regroup the Sobell Committees into various regions. One of the regions would be the "Midwestern Region" which would include the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, which was identified as a functioning affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

Despite its role as such an affiliate, the Milwaukee Sobell Committee would be independent of the National Committee. None the less, it would receive from the National Office publicity releases, program suggestions for fund-raising campaigns and for appeals to the clergy for help. It would also receive literature from the National Committee Staff, which literature would be for sale.

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It was agreed that more attempts would be made to get support for Sobell through contacting labor unions and obtaining signatures of ministers.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] JO
MOSCOE attended a Communist Party meeting in Milwaukee.

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For the most part, he said, the persons attending that Conference were Communist Party members.

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**MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

A source advised on October 16, 1953 that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois and, as a result thereof, a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed. This source further advised that this committee became inactive in the spring of 1955.

On August 2, 1957 a source advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated on July 29, 1957.

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JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, stated that the purpose of the Sobell Committee was to get SOBELL's case before the U. S. Supreme Court.

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On August 16, 1957, a source advised that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. The source also advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR are Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Sobell Committee.

On July 26, 1957, a source identified LEVERENZ and STERGAR as members of the Socialist Workers Party.

On May 18, 1960 a source advised that the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated Committees of the National Committee to Secure Justice for

APPENDIX

Morton Sobell; that the Milwaukee Committee has held regular meetings since its reactivation on July 29, 1957 and that this Committee continues to operate with the same officers and for the same purpose as set forth above.

The Communist Party, USA, and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 11, 1960

MI 100-11982

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. B7C

The informants referred to in the above report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

SAC, Seattle (100-22197)

October 11, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated September 26, 1960,
at Seattle.

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Information is set forth in referenced report which has been confidentially obtained from bank records. According to instructions contained in FBI Handbook (Part I), pages 36a and 38, and Manual of Rules and Regulations (Part II), Section 4, page 4, the reporting of such information is accomplished by placing it on FD 302. However, this was not done in referenced report.

By letter dated September 23, 1960, captioned "National Guardian"; Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated; IS - C; ISA of 1950," the New York Office requested the Bureau to give further study to this report writing procedure, and the Bureau has this under consideration at the present time.

In the event any modification of this rule is made, you will be appropriately notified through Manual and Handbook changes. However, in the event the procedure is not changed, future reports should be submitted in accordance with current instructions.

Additionally, on page 3 of rerep, in the first paragraph, information is included concerning a balance in the account of the Seattle Sobell Committee as of September 13, 1960, of \$30.28. According to the figures in this paragraph the balance as recorded is not correct and should be \$30.48. Seattle should advise the Bureau and interested offices the correct figures to be used in the paragraph.

1 - New York (100-10711)
1 - Los Angeles (100-41648)

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Letter to Seattle

Re: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
100-357835

Also, on page 3 under Item IV, paragraph 2, line 6, eighth word, "broadcast" is misspelled. All offices should make necessary correction.

On page 4 information is included regarding a rummage sale at the Seattle Public Market on July 2, 1960. From the information furnished, it appears that this is an incorrect date. Seattle should furnish all interested offices the correct date of this rummage sale.

Rerep does not contain characterizations of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell or the local affiliate, although mention is made of these organizations. Whenever reference is made to a subversive organization or its affiliates in a report, a characterization should be provided. Do so in future reports.

Necessary corrections as noted above should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices, as the Bureau is withholding dissemination of this report pending this corrective action. Interested agencies to whom copies of this report have been disseminated should be furnished necessary corrections. This matter should be brought to the attention of responsible personnel and appropriate forms errors scored. You are instructed to use greater care in the preparation of these reports in future.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office 1 BALTIMORE	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/13/60	Investigative Period 10/3-10/60
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: ACB
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA OF 1950	

Synopsis

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated October 1, 1958. **b7c**
 Bureau letter to Baltimore dated August 12, 1960. **u**

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This report is classified ~~confidential~~ since all of the informants used herein are of continuing value and the disclosure of information furnished by them could adversely effect their future effectiveness. **u**

Copies of this report have been furnished to the local interested intelligence agencies. **u**

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed. **u**

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THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

1. Will continue to follow and report local activities of captioned organization.

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Copy to: 2 - G-2, Fort George G. Meade
2 - ONI, Baltimore
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SA [REDACTED] *bx* BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Report of: [REDACTED] Office:
Date: October 13, 1960
Field Office File #: BALTIMORE (100-15241) Bureau File #: (100-387835)
Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: According to informants, local committee of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell reactivated. JULIA SAMUELS, identified as CP member in past, in charge of committee locally. GEORGE MEYERS, Chairman, CP, Maryland - D. C. District, distributed literature published by Sobell Committee during September. CP members being urged to support local committee.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

I. REACTIVATION OF LOCAL COMMITTEE

[REDACTED SECTION]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE 2/17/78 *Chau*
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The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] that JULIA SAMUELS was [REDACTED] a CP
member as of that date.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] that LEAH KATZ was a member of the CP during 1952.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] that FANNIE BLANK was [REDACTED] a CP member as of
that date.

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II. FINANCES

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III. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

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IV. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on September 12, 1960, that on September 1, 1960, GEORGE MEYERS distributed a copy of the "Appeal to the President on Behalf of MORTON SOBELL."

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On August 30, 1960 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had received through the mail literature disseminated by the Sobell Committee. The literature received [REDACTED] was a leaflet entitled "Appeal to the President on Behalf of Morton Sobell." This leaflet contains an open letter to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER and requests the President to urge a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or grant him clemency by commutation of his sentence. The leaflet contains the names of numerous clergymen throughout the United States. Also included among the literature received [REDACTED] was a printed letter addressed to "Dear Friend" and signed "Sincerely Yours, Reverend PETER MC CORMACK." The letter points out that Reverend MC CORMACK was formerly a chaplain at Alcatraz Prison where he became associated with MORTON SOBELL. The letter states that Reverend MC CORMACK is "impressed" with SOBELL's "innocence." The letter also contains the names of six clergymen who concur with Reverend MC CORMACK's opinion concerning MORTON SOBELL. Two of these clergymen are EDGAR A. LOVE, Bishop, Baltimore area, Maryland, the Methodist Church, and Rabbi URI MILLER, Beth Jacob Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland. Enclosed with the above leaflets was an envelope addressed to Bishop EDGAR A. LOVE, 828 North Carrollton Avenue, Baltimore 17, Maryland. 870

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Baltimore, Maryland
October 13, 1960

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference:

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7c
dated October 13, 1960, at
Baltimore, Maryland.

All sources used in referenced communication have
furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 10/13/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ISA, 1950

Re Report of SA [REDACTED], at New Haven, dated 6/24/60, reflecting that LOUIS ZEMEL, a Security Index Subject of the New Haven Office is active in captioned organization in the New Haven, Conn. area. b7c

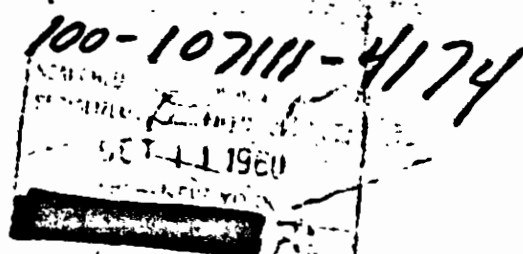
On October 3, 1960, the records of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] endorsed "Sobell Committee, HELEN SOBELL, Pay to the order of the Corn Exchange Bank, Trust Company, Sobell Committee". b7c

An examination of this checks reflects that there is written in the left corner of the face of the check the statement, "As per conversation with E. H."

The New York Division is requested to furnish any information in its possession concerning the significance of the above check and any information concerning the basis for the notation on this check.

2-New York
1-New Haven
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) (REG)

10/17/60

SAC, SEATTLE (100-72197)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

Rebulet 10/11/60.

Information which was confidentially obtained from bank records and reported in the report of SA [REDACTED] Seattle, 9/26/60, was originally placed in an [REDACTED] b7c the preparation of this report, the pertinent information was extracted and included in the report.

The balance of \$30.28 as reported is correct. Each of the two checks written involved a ten cent service charge. For purposes of clarity the Bureau, New York, and Los Angeles may desire to add at the end of the first paragraph on page 3 of the previously mentioned report in parenthesis "(after deduction of \$.20 service charges)".

With regard to information appearing on page 4, amended pages are being submitted to the Bureau, New York, and Los Angeles showing the corrected date of July 29, 1960. *Done 10/27/60*

Local agencies, to whom copies of this report have been disseminated, are being advised by separate communication. *Dunn*

- 2 - Bureau (REG) (Enc. 5)
- 1 - New York (100-10711) (REG) (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-41048) (REG) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Seattle

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41) DATE: 10/19/60

FROM : [REDACTED] SA (#421)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

On 10/5/60 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available to SA [REDACTED] a one page printed throwaway entitled "I Accuse!" Informant advised the above document was distributed at a Freedom of Speech Forum sponsored by the ECIC on the evening of 9/20/60 in NYC.

The above-described document may be located as Exhibit 1B1098 of NY 100-107111.

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- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-107111 (#41)

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[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/20/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA - 1950

[REDACTED]

This record is described as follows:

Side #1 is entitled "Ty Loved One (a prison ballad)" and is sung by RUTH MARSHALL, soprano and JERRY WATSON, baritone; side #2 is entitled "Thirty Years (a prison ballad)" and is sung by JERRY WATSON, baritone; the words and music for both ballads were composed by EDITH SEGAL and were arranged and accompanied by AL MOSS.

[REDACTED] advised on 9/25/50 that AL MOSS was a well known entertainer at CP and "left-wing" affairs. The informant stated that he had no actual knowledge that MOSS was actually a member of the CP, however,

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-107111)

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he felt reasonably sure that if MOSS was not a member he was a strong sympathizer. The informant stated that MOSS was a singer and piano player and that all of his songs were slanted to suit the pattern of the CP affair at which he was performing. U

[REDACTED] made available the files of her committee during 1944, which files indicated that one RUTH MARSHALL of 2914 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NYC, was reported to have joined the CP on 5/29/40 and to hold CP membership card #6287. U

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that he had known RUTH SEGAL to have been a member of the CP [REDACTED]. The informant stated that SEGAL never attained the status of being a functionary in the CP, however, she was often used to raise funds for the CP by entertaining at fund raising concerts and CP rallies. The informant stated that he also knew SEGAL to teach dance routines to the children of CP members at CP summer camps. U

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4178 DATE 10-20-60

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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October 26, 1960

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387035)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ISA OF 1950
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Baltimore will remain alert for additional information regarding the Shoreham Hotel meeting to be held Washington, D. C., November 19-21, 1960.

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SAC, Baltimore (100-15241)

October 27, 1960

Director, FBI (100-387835)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 10-13-60 at
Baltimore.

Referenced report indicates the reactivation of a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) at Baltimore. The most recent characterization of the Baltimore Sobell Committee submitted by the Baltimore Office in May, 1960, contains the information that as of 5-31-60 the Baltimore Sobell Committee no longer exists.

The attention of the Baltimore Office is directed to current instructions appearing in Part I, page 65, of the FBI Handbook which require the immediate submission for Bureau approval of an up-to-date characterization whenever a pertinent change in the organization takes place. This should have been submitted as an enclosure to rerep. Baltimore is instructed to immediately submit for approval an up-to-date characterization of the Baltimore affiliate of the CSJMS in accordance with existing instructions found in Section 49B, 2, m, of the FBI Handbook.

Baltimore should also note that an incorrect number of copies of rerep were furnished the Bureau. The foregoing should be brought to the attention of responsible personnel and form errors scored where appropriate.

1 - New York (100-107111)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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[REDACTED]

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) ON
DATE 11/2/60

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-37667) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York: (100-107111)

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Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Philadelphia Office for their information since the planned activity concerns that office. Copies of this letter are not being furnished the individual case files of the Philadelphia Office, inasmuch as copies of the informants written report will be disseminated. u

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL may be found attached hereto.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 11/2/60

FROM: SAC, New Orleans (100-14871)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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(OO: New York)

Enclosed for New York is a leaflet being circulated by the above-captioned organization, which was addressed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been very cooperative with this office in furnishing information concerning this and other organizations.

The above is being furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

2 - New York (Enclosure 1) (RM)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

11/2/60

SAC, Atlanta (100-4953)

COMMITTED TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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(OO: NY)

ReBulet 9/13/60 and Atlanta letter dated 8/30/60.

In referenced Atlanta letter, Bureau authority was requested for permission to contact [redacted] for specific details regarding [redacted], which was addressed ostensibly by [redacted] faculty member of Emory University Law School regarding the legal aspects of the MORTON SOBELL case. According to information available to the Atlanta office, [redacted]

[redacted] It is contemplated that [redacted] will be in a position to identify the [redacted] Emory University Law Professor, as well as other individuals who were invited [redacted]

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For the Bureau's assistance in determining the feasibility of the interview of [redacted] the following data is set forth:

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2 - Bureau RM
1 - New York (100-107111) RM
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The Atlanta indices failed to reflect any pertinent subversive data regarding [REDACTED]

Further, for the Bureau's information, it should be pointed out that the Atlanta office conducted extensive investigation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was found to be cooperative and it is believed that he will be cooperative in this matter.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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11/3/60

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

IS-C

ISA of 1950

(OO:NY)

Re my airtel 11/3/60, enclosing letterhead memo
about program of captioned organization for Washington
week-end 11/18-21/60.

On 11/3/60

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that a letter is being
sent to MELBA SOBELL on 11/3/60 in reply to her request
for a permit to hold a prayer in front of the White House
telling her that her request for a permit is being denied.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

CINAL

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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ISA of 1050
(OO:NY)**

ReNYlet 9/29/60, about the Washington week end of captioned organization on 11/19-20-21/60, climaxing their national appeal for SOBELL's release.

Enclosed for the Bu are five copies of a letterhead memorandum about the program of the captioned organization for the Washington week end, and one copy of the brochure on the week end.

Enclosed for NY are two copies of the letterhead memo and one copy of the brochure.

Enclosed for CG, LA, NH, DE, and ES is one copy of the letterhead memo, since the brochure indicates that individuals from these areas are going to participate.

- 3-Bureau (100-387835) (Encls.-6)
 - 1-Boston (Encl.-1) (Info) (RM)
 - 1-Chicago (100-25530) (Encl.-1) (Info) (RM)
 - 1-Detroit (Encl.-1) (Info) (RM)
 - 1-Los Angeles (Encl.-1) (Info) (RM) (AM)
 - 1-New Haven (Encl.-1) (Info) (RM)
 - 2-New York (100-107111) (Encls.-3) (RM)
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The first source in the letterhead memo is [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]

The second source is [REDACTED] b7d

The third source is [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED] from a letter written to the police department by ISLEEN SUMMERS, dated 10/31/60. b7d

[REDACTED] He will advise [REDACTED] when a decision is made on the permit. b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

UACB, the summary letterhead memo will be submitted on 11/21/60, following the completion of the entire rally. Any pertinent information of immediate interest will, of course, be furnished immediately as it occurs.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 3, 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on October 31, 1960, that the West Ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street, N. W., has been reserved for the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) for November 18, 19, and 20, 1960. The arrangements were made by Mrs. Sarah Hammond, 8802 Glenville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and confirmed by Ted Jacobs, Publicity Director of the CSJMS.

On January 31, 1957, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Sarah Hammond attended the third part of the Upper West Side Communist Party Convention on January 17, 1957, which convention was held at the Three Sisters Club House, 150 West 35th Street, New York City.

The Communist Party, United States of America, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This brochure dealt with the week end of November 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1960, and was entitled "A Convening of Americans united in the request that Morton Sobell be granted a Commutation of Sentence during the traditional Christmas amnesty period." This brochure contained the following schedule of events:

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att # 16 100-107111-4194

Re: **COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

EXHIBIT

**Specially assembled National Exhibition
"Americans Appeal for Morton Sobell"
The visual impact of democracy in action
Open to public Friday, November 18, through
Sunday, November 20 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

RECEPTION

**Gathering of visitors and honored guests
The Hotel Shoreham, Bird Cage Walk
Saturday, November 19, 8:30 p.m.**

**SOBELL
FREEDOM
BANQUET**

**The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom
Saturday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Invocation by Reverend Nelson C. Pierce,
Palisades Community Church, Washington, D.C.
Honored Speakers:
Durns Chalmers - of the American Friends
Service Committee, Washington, D.C.
Harold A. Cranfield - Attorney, Detroit,
Michigan.
Reverend John Paul Jones - Ashfield,
Massachusetts.
Mrs. Morton Sobell
Rabbi Jacob J. Einstein - National Chairman
of the Committee for Labor Israel,
Chicago, Illinois.**

**Chairman:
Gerhard Van Arkel - Attorney, Washington, D.C.**

PANEL

**"Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case"
Professor Thomas Emerson, Yale Law School
"Further Support for Morton Sobell's Release"
Group Discussion
The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom
Sunday, November 20, 2 p.m.**

**WHITE HOUSE
PRAYER**

**A sundown prayer for Morton Sobell's freedom
At the White House Sunday, November 20, 6 p.m.
Led by Reverend Alva Touphins,
Clivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois.**

**Re: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

DELEGATIONS

A day of visiting government representa-
tives on behalf of Morton Sobell's
release Monday, November 21

Reservations for the banquet may be made at ten dollars per plate
There is no admission charge for other events

Arrangements by

Mrs. Morton Sobell

Mrs. Rose Sobell

Co-Chairmen

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

940 Broadway, New York 10, New York -ALgonquin 4-9983

On November 2, 1960, a third confidential source who
has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the
source learned that the CSJMS was planning to have a group of
people, approximately two hundred, at the White House at 6 p.m.,
on Sunday, November 20, for a prayer. The source learned that
clergymen participating in the prayer will include Reverend Alva
Tompkins from Chicago, Doctor Erwin Gode from Los Angeles and
many others.

A description of the CSJMS is attached.

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

FBI

Date: 11/3/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

CINAL

TO: Director, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-31723)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION;
IS - C

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

A discussion was held relative to a pamphlet captioned "Program For FREEDOM Weekend, Washington, D. C.," which was sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y., Algonquin 4-9983.

The pamphlet reflected that the Sobell Freedom Banquet would be held on Saturday, November 19, 7 p.m., at the Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom; that a sundown prayer for MORTON SOBELL's freedom would be held on Sunday, November 20, 2 p.m., at the White House; and that there would be a day of

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- 4 - Bureau (R.M.)
 - 3 - 100-3-69
 - 1 - 100-387835 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
- 2 - New York (R.M.)
 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100- (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
- 1 - Washington Field (1 - 100-COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL.)
- 6 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-31723
 - 1 - 100-30295 (CP, USA FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100-32208 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-37667 (PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE)
 - 1 - 100-42205 Sub A (CINAL)
 - 1 - [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

PH 100-31723

visiting government representatives on behalf of MORTON SOBELL's release on Monday, November 21.

A discussion was held relative to the possibility of sending a bus to Washington, D. C., in connection with the above affair but no decision was made on this matter.

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] stated that THOMAS NABRIED is Chairman of the CRRD. b7d b7d

For the information of the New York Office, the Philadelphia Office has the above-mentioned pamphlet available if New York does not have this pamphlet in their possession. b7d

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FILE # 100-107111

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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C;
ISA OF 1950
(OO: NY)

Attached hereto are six (6) copies of a letterhead memo suitable for dissemination.

The info contained therein was furnished by [redacted] telephonically, on 11/4/60 to SA [redacted]

The letterhead memo is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as unauthorized disclosure of the info contained therein would jeopardize the position of the informant, and such could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to the Bureau under the Counterintelligence Program caption in order that the Bureau may consider the possibility of releasing the info contained in the letterhead memo to the press.

4 - Bureau (100-387835) (Enc. 6) (RM)
(1 - 100-3-104) (CP, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

1 - NY 100-129502 (CP, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)
3 - NY 100-107111 (41)

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11/4/60

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS-C
ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)**

Re airtels 11/3/60 in the program of the CSJMS weekend in Washington, November 18-21, 1960.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5, and for New York 2 copies of a letterhead memo containing additional information about the weekend.

The information was furnished on 11/2/60, by [redacted]. The informant stated that the information was given by one SARAH (HAMMOND) to a meeting at 4402 Georgia Avenue, N. W., on 11/2/60. The informant could not identify the meeting, but it was believed to be a meeting of the Center Committee, including representatives of the Jewish Organizations using 4402 Georgia Avenue, N. W., The headquarters of the Jewish Culture Society, designated by the Attorney General pursuant to EO10450.

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November 4, 1960

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MARTIN SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On November 2, 1960, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information about "Freedom Weekend" of the Committee to Secure Justice for Martin Sobell (CSJMS) to be held at Washington, D. C., November 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1960:

Ten thousand envelopes containing registration blanks for the dinner or a contribution are being distributed throughout the country. The goal is to have one hundred people from the Washington area at the banquet on November 19, 1960.

On Monday, November 21, 1960, the important people who are being brought to Washington, D. C. are going to form delegations and visit the White House and the Department of Justice. All of the signatures gathered over the entire year will be turned in to "important people".

.. description of the CSJMS is attached.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE CINAL
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of letterhead memo captioned Chicago Sobell Committee. Copies of letterhead memo to interested offices.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a letter with letterhead Chicago Sobell Committee. This letter outlines the National Appeal for Morton Sobell, Program for Freedom Weekend, Washington, D.C., November 19, 20, 21, 1960. **b7d**

The sources used to characterize the Chicago Sobell Committee, aka., Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are as follows:

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- 5 - Bureau (Encls. 5) (AM) (RM)
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- 5 - Chicago
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - 100-32267) (CINEL)
- (1 - [redacted])
- (1 - [redacted])

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The above sources may be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

Public sources were utilized to characterize Committee to Secure Justice for Martin Sobell.

This memorandum is marked ~~confidential~~ because data reported from the above mentioned sources could reasonably result in the identification of these sources of continuing value and compromise their effectiveness thereof.

LOPEZ

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Chicago, Illinois
November 4, 1960

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the Chicago Office a letter with letterhead Chicago Sobell Committee. The letter outlines the National Appeal for Morton Sobell, Program for Freedom Weekend, Washington, D.C., November 19, 20, 21, 1960. Photostat of said letter is attached herewith. Characterization of Chicago Sobell Committee, aka., Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are attached herewith.

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att to file 100-25530-4

Chicago Sobell Committee

201 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60610
Phone WEster 9-5999

October 1960
New friends, but none we truly call ours
For the national appeal we will work on - Her will

PROGRAM FOR FREEDOM WEEKEND: WASHINGTON, D.C. - NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, 21st, 1960

PROGRAM - Specially assembled National Exhibition "Americans Appeal for
Norton Sobell's Release: Visual Impact for Democracy in Action."

OPENING - Friday, November 18th, 7:00 PM - Sunday, November 20th, 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION - Gathering of visitors and honored guests at the Hotel Shoreham, West Ball Room, Saturday, November 19th, 7:00 PM

SOBELL - The Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Saturday, November 19th, 7:00 PM

PROCEEDS - Investigation by Rev. Nelson C. Pierce, Washington, D.C.

BARQUET - Honored Speakers: Morris Chalmers - for the American Friends Service Comm., Wash. D.C.
Harold A. Grammatico - Attorney, Detroit, Michigan
Mary Ann Paul Jones - Springfield, Massachusetts
William Stephen Sobell - New York, New York
Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein - National Chairman of the Committee for Labor - Israel, Chicago, Illinois
Chairman, Alexander Warwick - Attorney, Washington, D.C.

PANEL - Facts and Issues in the Sobell Case, by Rev. Thomas A. Shannon, Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn. on the subject of "Norton Sobell's Release"

DISCUSSION - Group Discussion on the Case, at the Hotel Shoreham, West Ballroom, Sunday, November 20th, 3:00 PM

STATE HOUSE - Luncheon at the State House, Washington, D.C., on the subject of "Norton Sobell's Release" at the White House, Sunday, November 20th, 1:00 PM

PRAYER - Led by Rev. Alva Tompkins, Oliver Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill.

DELEGATIONS - Stay of visiting government representatives on behalf of Norton Sobell's release, Monday, November 21st, 1960

Reservations for the banquet may be made at ten dollars per plate. There is no admission charge for the other events. All you are interested in attending, send a note in the return envelope.

*Our committee has mounted in response to the
allegation of the government to be a treasonous
member of the nation's government because we
are not in our own country.*

**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, aka., Chicago
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell**

A source on May 23, 1960 advised that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that the office of the Chicago Sobell Committee is currently located at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTKER and SYLVIA LEVINSON appear to be the guiding forces behind this committee and they are assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTKER, wife of DAVID SOLTKER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May, 1960 that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTKER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTKER appear as signers on the Communist Party election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTKER, as of 1943, was a member of the Communist Party

Another source furnished information in 1949 which indicates that at that time SYLVIA LEVINSON was Vice Chairman of the Congress of American Women.

The Communist Party and the Congress of American Women have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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11/7/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SOBELL

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ISA OF 1950

Re: airtel 11/3/60, advising that the Washington, D. C., PD had denied captioned organization a permit for a prayer before the White House the evening of 11/20/60.

On 11/7/60

[redacted] Washington, D. C., PD advised SA [redacted] that on the morning of 11/7/60, the PD was contacted by an attorney named SPICER (Phonetic) from the "Civil Liberties Union" who told the PD that the denial of a permit violated the rights of those requesting it. No action has been taken by the PD to rescind the denial and [redacted] knew of no action planned by PD as the result of the AUSA call.

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The present City Directory, Washington, D. C., reflects that LAWRENCE SPEISER is the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, 1612 E St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

WFO indices contain no references to SPEISER.

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